

Subject: gold coinage of CA

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Dear Sir:

In reference to your inquiry of yesterday concerning a half-dollar and a quarter dollar of California, bearing the date 1874, I cannot understand how your daughter had gotten the impression from us at a previous visit, that only four were made, or something to that effect. All of these gold quarters and halves were made privately and sold as souvenirs - they are still being made and bear various dates. Those pieces made in recent years, on account of the coinage laws, do not have the word "dollar" imprinted on them, only "half" or "quarter; those made in the fifties and sixties, being of better make and of better gold, are collected and for the most part bring a premium; those made in the seventies or later are seldom collected and for the most part bring none or very little premium. I have never heard of the date 1874 being scarce. We have two varieties of the half-dollar and five of the quarter dated 1874.

I trust this will answer your question.

Very truly yours,

Curator.